



Press Release

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On: FEBRUARY 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.77 million head on January 1, up 7 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down 2 percent from the January 1 level. Producers placed 390,000 head in commercial feedlots during January, down 7 percent from both a year ago and December 2003 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 430,000 head during January, down 1 percent from last year but up 5 percent from the December 2003, total.

On February 1 there were 2.28 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 5 percent from last year but down 2 percent from the January total.

January placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 318,000 head, virtually unchanged from the December total. Marketings were up 6 percent from last month to 355,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.1 million head on February 1, 2004. This inventory was 4 percent above February 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.75 million head, 16 percent below January 2003. January placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 362,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 466,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 576,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 342,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million head, down 10 percent from 2003.

Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed January 1		Placed on feed during January		Marketed during January		Other disappearance during January		On feed February 1	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	289	293	29	32	24	26	3	3	291	296
California	* 495	510	58	55	67	60	6	5	* 480	500
Colorado	1,020	1,040	225	165	205	160	10	5	1,030	1,040
Idaho	* 300	300	56	41	65	64	1	2	* 290	275
Iowa	* 395	370	69	59	* 72	47	2	2	* 390	380
Kansas	2,200	2,430	540	455	500	440	20	25	2,220	2,420
Nebraska	2,140	2,280	480	380	390	360	10	20	2,220	2,280
New Mexico	119	115	9	17	13	13	1	2	114	117
Oklahoma	* 335	355	* 46	50	49	53	2	2	330	350
South Dakota	* 215	200	* 46	30	* 45	29	1	1	215	200
TEXAS	2,630	2,830	420	390	435	430	15	20	2,600	2,770
Washington	185	* 200	36	26	39	40	2	1	180	185
Other States	335	330	75	46	68	60	2	6	340	310
United States	* 10,658	* 11,253	* 2,089	1,746	* 1,972	1,782	75	94	* 10,700	11,123

* Revised.

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	During January									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	43	25	49	45	95	61	38	34	225	165
Kansas	65	60	185	140	200	175	90	80	540	455
Nebraska	70	47	135	95	161	140	114	98	480	380
TEXAS	126	110	122	120	126	115	46	45	420	390
Other States	* 120	120	* 84	66	110	85	* 110	85	* 424	356
United States	424	362	* 575	466	692	576	* 398	342	* 2,089	1,746

* Revised.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States ¹ , February 1, 2002-2004										
Item	Number			2004 as Percent of						
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003					
	<i>1,000 head</i>					<i>Percent</i>				
On feed January 1 ^{2/}	11,565	* 10,658	* 11,253	97	106					
Placed on feed during January ^{2/}	2,179	* 2,089	1,746	80	84					
Fed cattle marketed during January ^{2/}	2,083	* 1,972	1,782	86	90					
Other disappearance during January ^{2/ 3/}	89	75	94	106	125					
On feed February 1 ³	11,572	* 10,700	11,123	96	104					

¹ The Cattle on Feed release has been modified to exclude calculation and publication of this historic 7 States. ² Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ³ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. * Revised.

Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots									
Cattle and calves	District 1-N	District 1-S	District 2-N	District 2-S	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>								
On feed January 1 ¹	2,325	219	74	26	24	38	68	56	2,830
Placed on feed during January	318	32	10	3	3	5	9	10	390
Marketed during January	355	29	10	3	5	6	9	13	430
Other disappearance during January ²	12	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	20
On feed February 1 ¹	2,276	216	73	26	22	37	67	53	2,770

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